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Title: NUCLEIC ACIDS LABELLED WITH EXTENDED RHODAMINE DYES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants submit the Preliminary Amendment concurrently with this application.

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

This is a preliminary amendment under 37 CFR 1.53(b) for a divisional application of pending application Serial No. 09/325,423, filed on June 3, 1999.

I. AMENDMENTS

Please enter the following amendments to the above-identified patent application.
No new matter has been added to the application.

In the specification: